



The City of Morgantown

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Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

- Whereas,** the city of Morgantown, WV is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Morgantown; and
- Whereas,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- Whereas,** home fires killed more than 2,300 people in the United States in 2012, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 365,000 home fires; and
- Whereas,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- Whereas,** three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and
- Whereas,** in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and
- Whereas,** when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and
- Whereas,** Morgantown's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and
- Whereas,** Morgantown's residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and
- Whereas,** Morgantown's residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and
- Whereas,** Morgantown's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- Whereas,** Morgantown's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- Whereas,** the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

Now, Therefore, I, Jenny Selin, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim
October 5-11, 2014 be

Fire Prevention Week

throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Morgantown to test their smoke alarms at least every month by pushing the test button, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Morgantown's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2014.

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Jenny Selin, Mayor